

City of Linden

Union County, New Jersey

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Dear Parents & Guardians of a Proud LHS 2020 Graduate:

In light of the Covid-19 Pandemic it is important that our community comes together to celebrate your Graduate and the Class of 2020. I personally feel each and everyone of them has been robbed of the best months of their senior year and it is important to you and your child that they be recognized for the hard work that they have put in since they first entered school all those years ago. With that in mind the Mayor's Youth Commission and myself decided that on June 17th, 2020 we would celebrate our Senior Class; therefore, we are hosting an untraditional graduation, which we are calling a "Post-Graduation Ceremony", at Linden Airport.

The graduation ceremony will start at 11:00 a.m. All cars will assemble in the aircraft parking lot at Linden's Airport at 10:00 a.m. To accommodate the number of graduates we are expecting, there will be only **one vehicle allowed** per graduate and their family. The graduate should be seated on the passenger side of the vehicle (front or back seat), as they will be exiting the vehicle to be recognized and to have their picture taken. Graduates should be dressed in their caps and gowns. To make this more festive we would love to see your vehicles decorated in celebration of the Class of 2020. Please write the graduates name across the top of your windshield or on a piece of paper large enough so we can read it. We also request that you have the graduates name on an index card or a slip of paper for the Master of Ceremonies to announce the graduate's name. Please note everyone **MUST remain** in their vehicles at all times during the ceremony, and only the graduate will exit the vehicle when it is their turn. **Masks and gloves are optional for graduates**. Should for some reason Mother Nature not cooperate on the 17th, the rain date for the ceremony will be June 18th.

If you and your graduate are attending please register at http://bit.ly/Linden2020 include your name, contact email and phone number. We will need this information should we have to reach you.

Looking forward to seeing you there. We are hoping to make this memorable, as you and your graduate deserve that and more.

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Sincerely Yours,

Mayor Derek Armstead